[Mr. C. O. Madhavan.]

a partiality for Bombay salt. Sir, the Government do not want to discontinue the supply of Bombay salt all at once in those places. But, it has been decided now by Government not to import any Bombay salt hereafter. About 13,000 to 14,000 mds. of salt is brought to Shencotta from Tuticorin. That is on account of the facility with which salt can be transported from Tuticorin to Shencottah. If it is to be sent from our factories, the cost of transport will be prohibitive. Government are considering the question whether the salt from our factories can be transported to Shencottah also. If it is found to be worthwhile, that will be done.

Memorial from the Valans of Shertala regarding the catching of prawns.

362. * **MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a memorial from the Valans of Shertala regarding their grievances in the catching of prawns; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the date of the same and whether any action has been taken on the same?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 27th January 1937. The matter is under consideration.

N. D. Anchal Office at Kanakappalam.

363. * **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have or the Anchal Superintendent has ordered to shift the N. D. Anchal Office from Kanakappalam to Erumeli Pettah;

(*b*) the date of the establishment of the said office at Kanakappalam;

(*c*) at whose instance it was established;

(*d*) whether the applicants for the establishment of it were asked to deposit any amount as security to meet the loss, if any, that may be incurred in the working of the said office;

(*e*) whether any of the said applicants deposited such security;

(*f*) the amount so deposited;

(*g*) whether the amount was returned to the depositor, and, if so, the date of the return of the same;

(*h*) the annual income from and the annual expenditure towards the working of the said office from its inception to the end of 1111 M. E.; and

(*i*) the reasons for the shifting of the said office to Erumeli Pettah?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*). (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 1-11-1102.

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